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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FORMULATION OF AMBASSADOR'S SPECIFIC GOALS AND TASKS

REF: (A) STATE 205466 (B) STATE 202267

1. FOLLOWING ARE MY COMMENTS KEYED TO BUREAU'S DRAFT,
WITH WHICH I GENERALLY AGREE:

I. FIRST TICK: DELETE "AS IT HAS RECENTLY INDICATED
IT MAY DO." I HOPE MY REPORTING HAS NOT BEEN MISLEADING
IN THIS REGARD. I BELIEVE THAT IRAQ NOW SEEKS SOME
INVOLVEMENT IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS NOT BECAUSE OF REAL
CHANGE IN IRAQ'S OPPOSITION TO REALISTIC SETTLEMENT
BUT IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE IRAQ'S POLITICAL INFLUENCE WITH
OTHER ARABS. INVOLVEMENT IN PROCESS SHOULD EVENTUALLY
SOFTEN THE IRAQI POSITION, BUT IT IS INCORRECT TO SAY
THAT REGIME HAS INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DEVELOP-
MENT. I FULLY ACCEPT GOAL AS MY TOP PRIORITY BUT DO NOT
WANT TO MINIMIZE ITS DIFFICULTY. A MORE REALISTIC
MINIMUM IS TO ENCOURAGE IRAQ TO BE INACTIVE IN ITS
HOSTILITY TO A SETTLEMENT, BUT I ACCEPT SETTING THE
GOAL A NOTCH HIGHER.

THIRD TICK: THIS IS EXCELLENT GOAL FOR USG BUT FALLS
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OUTSIDE OF USINT'S SCOPE. MOST I CAN DO IS WORK
THROUGH MY CONTACTS WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS, BUT IN ALL
MODESTY THIS CAN HAVE ONLY MOST MARGINAL EFFECT ON
IMPROVEMENT OF INTRA-ARAB RELATIONS. BUREAU SHOULD
DELETE OR REPHRASE THIS TICK.

FOURTH TICK: AS BETTER MEASURE OF THE TASK, I

SUGGEST BUREAU CHANGE TO READ, "ENCOURAGE IRAQ TO
TAKE LESS EXTREME POSITIONS IN OPEC COUNCILS."

II. FIRST TICK: I SUGGEST BUREAU DELETE "SUCH AS
ACCESS TO DETAINED AMERICANS." SUCH CASES HAVE NOT
ARISEN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND THE SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TENDS TO THROW THE OVERALL GOAL OUT OF
FOCUS.

ADDITIONAL TICK: "SUPPORT EFFORTS OF WASHINGTON
AGENCIES TO DEVELOP COOPERATION IN APOLITICAL FIELDS."
THIS WOULD COVER MAJOR INITIATIVE IN MEDICAL FIELD.

III. SECOND TICK: BROADEN TO READ, "INVESTIGATE
THE MARKET FOR U.S. COMPANIES AND ASSIST COMPANIES
IN EXPANDING THEIR SHARE OF IRAQI BUSINESS."

2. REF. B MAKES CLEAR THAT SPECIFIC GOALS AND TASKS
ARE NOT TO INCLUDE STATEMENTS OF GOALS WHICH ARE
GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO CHIEFS OF MISSION. I AM SURE
THAT BUREAU WILL BEAR IN MIND IN CHOOSING AND RATING
THE NEW USINT CHIEF THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP AND
ATTENTION TO POST MORALE. MY EXPERIENCES DURING THE
PAST THREE MONTHS HAVE MANY TIMES REMINDED ME OF THE
CENTRAL ROLE WHICH SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES ASSUME FOR A
PRINCIPAL OFFICER AT AN ISOLATED HARDHIP POST.
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